

CHANGE YOUR THINKING ABOUT FOOD, EXERCISE, AND YOURSELF!

What you think drives what you do. And you can change what you think!! As you get involved with losing weight your thinking will change naturally. However, making an effort to change the way you think about eating, about exercise, and most importantly, about yourself, gives you a real head start. Here are some tips:

- Make a strong decision to <u>GET SERIOUS!</u>
- Make your weight and fitness program one of your <u>TOP PRIORITIES</u> so that you can arrange to do what you need to do.
- Realize that weight is a matter of INTAKE versus OUTPUT and that both are subject to change. YOU HAVE CONTROL of these.
- Realize that eating and other lifestyle behaviors have been **LEARNED**, therefore, they can be **UNLEARNED** or **CHANGED**.
- Use **POSITIVE THINKING** in looking at your program as a major self-improvement project, rather than something unpleasant.
- Think about YOURSELF as being WORTH THE EFFORT! Tell yourself good things about you. Love yourself...
- Think **MODERATION**.....
- Think about <u>EXERCISE</u> and physical fitness as increasing your <u>ENERGY</u>, <u>VITALITY</u>, and <u>WELL BEING</u>.
- Try to think of **HIGH CALORIE**, **UNHEALTHY FOODS AS BAD**.
- Realize that overeating and inactivity must be MANAGED CONTINUOUSLY to preserve your healthy thinking.
- Expect to make <u>PERMANENT</u> <u>LIFELONG</u> <u>CHANGES</u> in your way of thinking.